



Progress of Implementation of Action Plan: Presentation Mazovia

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Building a compettitive advantage of Mazovian SMEs in the chemical industry by supporting their activities with integrated pro-innovation services provided by competent Business Environment Institution (BEI) (MSODI project)

Planned activities

- Support in the form of grants which accredited BEI will use to create and implement of new services enabling the development os SMEs
- Increase the high quality suport available to SMEs in the form of proinnovation consulting services

Lessons from other other regions

 The inspiration was taken from the interregional exchange of experience, mainly from Limburg, where unique ecosystem for open innovation exists.

Partners involved

 Marshal's Office of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship in Warsaw, Business Environment Institutions, Regional entrerprises

Timeline

2019 – First call for proposals for BEI and in 2020 – II second call for proposals for BEI



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Implemented activities

- Regular meetings with the BEIs and regional enterprises,
- The final results of the first grant call for the project will be known in April 2020, then the relevant agreements will be signed, which will allow to estimate the amount of funding involved in the entire project.
- Development of the monitoring and settlement tool as well as the mapping of the database of the Mazovian BEIs (in a development phase as of January 2020)





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Partners involved

Business Environment Institutions:

Are the grants holder to create and implement of new services enabling the development os SMEs

Regional enterprises:

Their role is crucial in the task evaluation system. Only thanks to feedback from entrepreneurs we will find out whether the quality of service of BEIs has improved.



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Progress and Results achieved so far

- 9 applications from the BEIs partnerships were received during the first grant call. Supplementary recruitment is planned at the turn of 2020/2021,
- In 2019, one networking meeting was conducted and the concept of organizing a series of subsequent meetings was developed (including one only for the chemical industry),
- Number of accredited BEIs have increased which provide correct and appropriate level of services.



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Outlook to upcoming activities and finalisation of action

- 3 networking meetings are predicted to be implemented in 2020 and 2021 and 1 meeting in 2022. Their main task is to create an attractive cooperation space for stakeholders of the innovation process - in this case through direct meetings between representatives of companies, R&D centers and BEI.
- Increasing the number of accredited institutions 16 BEIs have accreditation due to the fact that few of them apply for it. In the context of the chemical industry, the accreditation system of BEI is desirable.



Planned activities

 Announcement of a competition for the implementation of a public task of the Mazowieckie Voivodship in the area of "Supportive activity economic development, including the development of entrepreneurship". Task: "Support and development of clusters and cluster initiatives and strengthening their competitive position on the market, including promoting cooperation between the sphere of science and business", in the form of supporting the implementation of the task.

Lessons from other other regions

 Wallonia emphasize the need to support the development of clusters, especially in the area of stimulationg the emergence of new sources of growth and innovation in regional ecosystem.

Partners involved

 Mazowieckie Voivodeship, cluster initiatives (formally non-governmental organizations), mazovian enterprises, regional R&D centres

Timeline

Announcement of the offer competition – each year from 2019 to 2022,



Implemented activities in 2020

- The Board of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship announced an open competition of offers for the implementation of public tasks in the area of "Supportive activity economic development, including the development of entrepreneurship".
- The competition aims to select the offers whose implementation will contribute the most development of innovative ventures undertaken within network structures, leading in particular to consolidation and consolidation of cooperative relationships.
- Participation in the competition should contribute to the professionalization of Masovian activities clusters, especially on issues related to Industry 4.0 and the circular economy. The intention of the competition organizers is to stimulate creation and development cooperation networks.



Partners involved

Cluster initiatives:

Participation in the process of identifying the potential for international cooperation, communication with cluster participants in the process of identifying needs and opportunities.

Mazovian enterprises:

Participation in the process of identifying the potential for international cooperation.

Regional R&D centres:

Projects implementation, initiating and developing cooperation of clusters and its R&D units. Participation in the process of identifying the potential for international cooperation.



Progress and Results achieved so far

- Facilitation of direct contacts between entrepreneurs, clients, R&D institutions, which was implemented through networking activities at the subregional level, thanks to the activities of local cluster initiatives and its members and business environment organizations.
- As part of the open bid competition, funding was awarded for five public tasks for a total of PLN 209 884.00. In the second quarter of 2019, 190 160.00 PLN was paid. The remaining part -19,724.00 PLN was paid in July 2019.



Outlook to upcoming activities and finalisation of action

Competition envisages cofinancing of the following activities:

- strengthening the internal potential of the cluster, e.g. through training and workshops on development of cooperation, including but not limited to testing and implementation of services for members cluster - support is intended only for seed and growth clusters;
- 2) promotion of clusters on international markets, including participation in fairs, fair trade exhibitions and study visits;
- 3) implementation of research and development projects, establishing contacts for creation project consortia;





Outlook to upcoming activities and finalisation of action

Competition envisages cofinancing of the following activities:

- creation and promotion of a new cluster product;
- development of cluster services in the area of digitization, circular economy (GOZ) and low carbon economy
- 6) taking measures aimed at adapting to the challenges of Industry 4.0.





Outlook to upcoming activities and finalisation of action

Offers that will be additional awarded:

- the area of activity of the cluster for which the public task is carried out is compliant with smart specialization specified for the Mazowieckie Voivodeship.
- 2) the offer envisages the implementation of activities related to the promotion or implementation of solutions in the field of circular economy or Industry 4.0





Planned activities

The results of the call for proposals financed from the ERDF (under measure 1.2
Research and development activities of enterprises, type of projects: Research
and development projects and dedicated to chemical industry) should be known in
June 2020. After it the relevant agreements will be signed.

Lessons from other other regions

 Wallonia aims to bring SMEs and research centers together, thus strengthening the ability of R&D sector to respond to areas useful for SMEs

Partners involved

Mazowieckie Voivodeship, regional enterprises and R&D centers, cluster initiatives

Timeline

Project implementation in 2020 and monitoring until 2023



Implemented activities

- Call for proposals of the projects under the Regional Operational Program of the Mazowieckie Voivodeship 2014-2020 took place from October 31st 2019 to January 15th 2020.
- The action was separately budgeted and assessed for chemical industry companies, to guarantee a real impact on this thematic area (additional points for chemicals)
- Submitted applications for co-financing are subjected to formal and substantive assessment, in accordance with the provisions of the current version of the ROP MW Specification.



Partners involved

Regional enterprises, regional R&D centres:

Participation in the application for support from specially dedicated tools related to the financing of R&D services.

Cluster initiatives:

Communication with cluster participants (entrepreneurs and R&D centres) in the process of identifying needs and opportunities; participation in the process of identifying the potential for cooperation and building tools for effective information exchange.



Progress and Results achieved so far

- Call for proposals the projects under the ROP MV 2014-2020 occured from October 31st 2019 to January 15th 2020.
- As part of the competition, 54 applications were submitted for the ERDF co-financing amount of 119 679 293.70
 PLN, while the total value of applications submitted in this competition was 189 406 723.59 PLN



Outlook to upcoming activities and finalisation of action

- After the co-financing agreement will be signed, funding will be provided for industrial research and experimental development or only for experimental development.
- The co-financing agreement may be signed with the applicant whose application is on the list of projects selected for cofinancing, when all attachments required at the stage of signing the contract have been attached and there are no other formal or legal obstacles to signing the contract, and the allocation available under the competition allows project implementation co-financing.





Other relevant information related to RIS Chemistry / Bioeconomy

Short description of other relevant information related to the RIS or chemical cluster

- Strategic workshop for Mazovian chemical industry which took place on the 28th of August 2019 was focused on the description of preparations for the meeting that will take place in Brussels on September 30th of 2019. Participants were asked to identify the area of most interest to them, and choose a suitable group from the ones already existing in the Partnership, or propose their own area to gather interested entities from other regions around it.
- II Chemical Partnership Meeting on September 30th 2019 provided the partnership with 3 specific project ideas, which were then sent to regional stakeholders to gauge their interest and possible involvement.





Thank you!